Arrow Hopes Dead?

SEIGNIORY CLUB, Que. (CP) — The defence minister, George R. Pearkes, has indicated obliquely that the government will not place orders for the supersonic Arrow jet interceptor in any quantity.

He did this in a speecr Wednesday night to the Air Cadet League of Canada without ever mentioning the Arrow once.

Among points made by Mr. Pearkes were:

A new SAGE electronic system will control operations of the Bomarc anti-aircraft missile and "any manned interceptors which may be working in this area (Ontario and Quebec).

Opportunities in the RCAF will still be as good as in the past "though they may be varied." This apparently was a reference to conversion to missiles.

The defence department "cannot afford everything we would like to have."

Pachyderm Parades for Philip

A huge, ceremonially-decorated elephant raises trunk to salute Prince Philip (wearing suit), in New Delhi during the Prince's two-week tour of India.

Party Whip Urges Action

Share in Power Profits

Bert Price, Social Credit party whip, last night called on the government to go after a greater share of the profits from hydro-electric development and natural gas development in British Columbia.

He said primary producers were paying a small amount for these B.C. natural resources compared to what household consumers pay for use of the resources through the five-per-cent consumer tax.

From the total production of electrical energy in this province only $798,429 goes into the province's consolidated revenue, he said. He said consumers were paying the province, through the five-per-cent sales tax, $2,678,578 a year.

All B.C. gets from natural gas producers is ¾ of a cent per thousand cubic feet at the well-head, but "the little person, the man on the street that uses gas for domestic purposes to cook his bacon and eggs, must pay five per cent, not on the well-head price, but on $2.40 per thousand cubic feet," he said.

"In other words," he said, the customer using gas in his home pays in direct revenue to the province 13 cents on every 1,000 cubic feet, but from the ground to the consumer, all the government gets is ¾ of a cent. I don't think this enough.

"In my opinion, the supplier of the gas, which after all is a monopoly, and I would go a little further to say a closed cartel, should be obliged to pay an amount in revenue to the province at least equal to that which the customer has to pay on consumer price.

"As natural resources, neither natural gas nor hydro-electric energy pay a fair share toward the tax load of British Columbia," the member from Vancouver-Burrard said.

He said electric energy derived from water use is not a natural resource. "It comes under the catgory of a manufactured product and, as such, is not subject to taxation by a provincial government.

"This is a very important thing and it is something which I don't think the public is generally aware of," he said.

"When I try to find out what revenue the provincial government derives from hydro-electric energy developed in the province, I find the answer is nothing at all."

Castro Executions Total 271 So Far

HAVANA (AP)—Six former soldiers and policemen accused of war crimes against rebels died before firing squads at Camaguey in south-eastern Cuba Wednesday.

The executions raised to 271 the unofficial total since Fidel Castro's revolutionaries overturned the Fulgencio Batista government Jan. 1. About 50 others have been condemned to death and are awaiting the firing squad or the outcome of appeals.

Some 3,000 prisoners are accused of atrocities, murders and others "crimes against the people."

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More Millions for Home Loans

OTTAWA (CP) — The government hopes to make National Housing Act mortgages a more attractive investment for trust companies and pension funds by insuring the full value of the loan rather than the present 98 per cent, Works Minister Green announced Wednesday.

Mr. Green outlined the plan as he sought Commons approval to introduce legislation providing Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation with a further $250,000,000 to lend for housing construction.

He said he sees another "splendid year for house construction in 1959 but he shied clear of forecasting whether building will match the 1958 record in number of homes built.

The housing debate followed an unsuccessful CCF attempt to have Mr. Green's motion delayed while the Commons debated unemployment.

The proposed housing legislation received the unanimous support of opposition spokesmen J. R. Garland (L-Nipissing) and Murdo Martin (CCF-Timmins.)

But both said more must be done to provide housing for Canadians in the lower income groups and to check the ever-increasing cost of housing land.

Mr. Garland said housing construction was not meeting the needs of 50 per cent of the Canadian population earning less than $4,000 a year.

Mr. Martin said the government has lost sight of the fact that federal housing legislation is designed to provide houses, and has tended to regard it as a means of giving business "a shot in the arm" and of creating jobs.

Spending Known Today

OTTAWA (CP)—The government will tell Parliament today the estimated size of its spending program for the fiscal year starting April 1, Finance Minister Fleming said yesterday.

There has been speculation total government spending, including old-age pension outlays, will run to a record of more than $6,000,000,000.

Estimated budgetary spending for the current year is $5,324,000,000, a record up to now. When old-age pensions are added, the estimate hits $5,874,000,000.

Debate On Jobs Barred

OTTAWA — The eight-member CCF group tried unsuccessfully yesterday to have the regular proceedings of the House of Commons interrupted so that the unemployment question could be aired.

Despite the urging of the two opposition parties, Speaker Roland Michener ruled that unemployment had been discussed during the 10-day Throne Speech debate.

Erhart Regier (CCF—Burnaby-Coquitlam) had asked the House of Commons debate the "urgent" unemployment situation because the government had given no indication to Parliament that it was going to introduce legislation to combat the problem.

He received support from CCF House Leader Hazen Argue and Liberals Paul Martin and Lionel Chevrier.

Prime Minister John Diefenbaker said the opposition parties had made no suggestions for curbing unemployment during the Throne Speech debate.

Michener said the matter of permitting a debate now depended on the urgency of the debate and not the urgency of the unemployment situation. There was no vote on the issue.

Today's Events

Retired Moose Jaw district court judge George McPhee, now of Victoria, speaks on "Our Canadian Heritage" at 2266th meeting of **Victoria Rotary,** 12.10 p.m., Empress Hotel . . . Former B.C. Provincial police officer Cecil Clark discusses "Victoria, Past and Present," at general monthly meeting **B.C. Government Retired Employees' Association,** 2.30 p.m., Blue Room, 1303 Broad . . . Rev. Ivor Powell, "The Man From Wales," addresses **Victoria Gyro Club,** noon, Empress Hotel . . . Unemployment Insurance Commission film "Winter Work" is a feature at **Oak Bay Kiwanis** meeting, 6.15 p.m., Oak Bay Beach Hotel . . . **Victoria Optimist Club,** 12.10 p.m., Pacific Club . . . **Cosmopolitan Club,** 6.45 p.m., James Bay Hotel . . . New YMCA building discussion at Y's Men's Club, 6.30 p.m., YMCA club room.

Everyone Asks for More Harkness Tells Commons

OTTAWA (CP)—"Naturally, everybody in this country . . . asks for more," Agriculture Minister Harkness said in the Commons.

The Commons took him at his word as it discussed government proposals for $4,800,000 in additional spending by the agriculture department in the current fiscal year.

CCF critics attacked as inadequate the government program of paying $1 an acre to prairie grain growers, up to $200 each, and Liberal members called for similar aid to other parts of the country.

A government supporter argued for federal payments to farmers who have lost livestock through rabies infection.

The Commons approved most of the $4,800,000 in agriculture department spending —in itself only part of $27,954,667 in supplementary expenditures for the year which the government had sought to have passed. That total would boost budgetary spending for the year ending March 31 to an all-time record of $5,324,070,310.

Documents Stay Secret

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Diefenbaker declined to table the report of the Canadian delegation to the Geneva conference on measures to prevent surprise nuclear attack.

He told Harold Winch (CCF-Vancouver East) — it is not customary or appropriate to make public such documents.

Jobless Talks Held—Last Year

Bid Anticipated

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Diefenbaker said Wednesday the government has "already undertaken" action similar to that requested by the British Columbia Federation of Labor in asking the federal government to call a conference of provincial and municipal authorities on unemployment.

Mr. Diefenbaker referred to conferences at various government levels held last year and to the government's municipal "winter works" program, which he said has resulted in direct employment for 20,000 men and indirect employment for thousands of others.

He added latest figures show the number of unemployed in B.C. is down 12,000 compared with a year ago.

Fulton, CCFer Clash Over Combines Case

OTTAWA (CP) — Justice Minister Fulton and a CCF Commons member clashed Wednesday over the government's purpose in launching an anti-combines court case against Toronto industrialist E. P. Taylor and his Canadian Breweries Limited.

Frank Howard (CCF-Skeena) asked whether the government has begun the prosecution not expecting to win the case "but to satisfy public opinion."

Mr. Fulton shot back: "His suspicions are exactly the kind of suspicions I would expect a member of the CCF to have."

'It's Just One Of Those Things'

HUNTSVILLE, Tex. (AP)—"It's just one of those things," said Phillip Slater yesterday as he was strapped into the electric chair.

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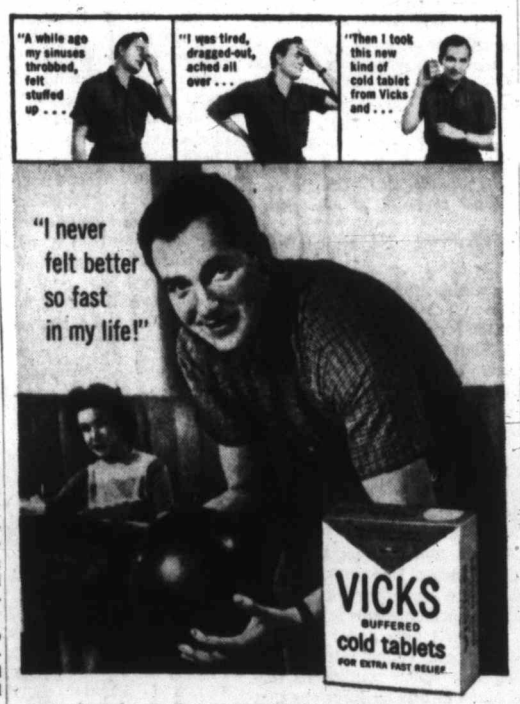

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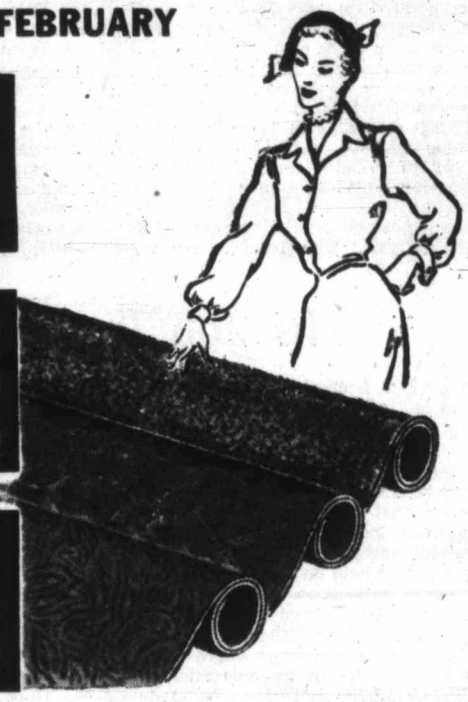

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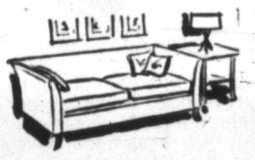

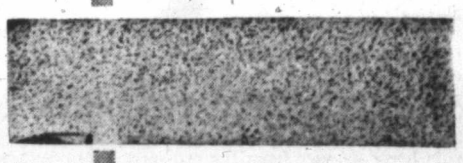

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